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Title: Justice

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It is said that Justice is the devotion to truth tempered by love. What does this really mean? Justice serves a law far greater than the Courts of Men and Elves. Justice serves Truth, and no man, not even a King nor his Council, can define Truth. Can honest people devoted to Truth stand by and watch its abrogation by the whim of imperfect rulers? Nay, they cannot if they have Love in their hearts for the pursuit of Truth and Justice. For Justice is indeed the eternal service to Truth at all costs, tempered by Love, the love of Truth and Righteousness itself. It is thus that the great Knights of Justice scour the realm of Minax for the foul murderers who prey upon the innocent, for this is a true and just cause. It is thus that Justice should be meted out for crimes committed.

What is a crime worthy of Justice? That is the heart of the question currently in the minds of Lords and Ladies throughout the Land. The recent events with the Thief Ricardo and his trial have caused much debate. There should be no debate, for Ricardo's only crime was that of inconvenience. Did he not

do what hundreds of  
others have done before  
him? Did he not seize  
treasure from creatures  
whose enmity towards  
both Man and Elf is well  
known? The High Council  
was not there to defend  
the lands from the  
Ophidians; nay this was  
left to us the Citizens  
of Sosaria. What crime  
did Ricardo commit?  
Exposing the Truth, that  
our own rulers, those  
entrusted with our safety  
by the Lord British, can  
not defend the innocent?  
In plain speech, the thief  
made the Lords and  
Ladies of the High  
Council look inept. The  
only crime he was  
convicted of was that of  
Treason. Treason, high  
crimes against the state,  
is this now defined by a  
law other than Truth and  
Justice? At the whim of  
disconcerted rulers who  
could not defend the  
lands as they are sworn  
to a man is now marked  
for death for committing  
no crime against Man or  
Elf or State. This does  
not serve either Love or  
Truth. This does not  
serve Justice.

Justice is the only law  
that is universal, the only  
law that is complete into  
and of itself. No matter  
how inconvenient or  
difficult the Truth may  
be, it must be meted out  
fairly and as deserved,  
with Love. Love for what  
is Right and Just and  
True, love for our fellow  
citizens. Ricardo did not  
slay the villagers and  
those who sought to  
stem the invasion. He is  
a thief, and perhaps  
there are many other  
crimes that he should be

punished for, but he is  
not the Just target for  
Retribution. Nay, good  
people of Sosaria. Justice  
is not served by making  
a scapegoat of Ricardo.  
As with the parable of  
Jaana and the Goblin, only  
those who love what is  
right for its own sake  
can deliver Justice.